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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Security Officer

SUBJECT: TALENT and AQUATONE Clearances
for NSA Personnel

REFERENCES: A. G31-7-47 (TCS-677-57), 7 January 1957
B. G31-7-48 (TCS-678-57), 7 January 1957
C. G31-10-49 (TCS-679-57), 10 January 1957
D. TCS-577-56, 13 December 1956

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1. In further discussions with Mr. [REDACTED] of NSA on the problem of clarification of AQUATONE--TALENT clearances for NSA personnel, I would like to call attention to the fact that reference D in paragraph 2 should have added to it a subparagraph d "Time" followed by the sentence, "TALENT clearance should presume to cover the above in the case of NSA personnel". In the second sentence from the bottom of the first page after "research and development" insert, "and planning and in some cases analysis".

2. In order to make sure that we are now entirely clear, let me quote in its entirety paragraph 2 from reference D as amended:

"2. It is necessary that we anticipate that those in NSA responsible for support of the Project and analysis of the product collected by System 3, 4, or 5 may have to know or may be unexpectedly exposed to the following four facts regarding overflights:

"a. Height

"b. Speed

"c. Path

"d. Time

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25X1A9a "TALENT clearance should presume to cover the above in the case of NSA personnel. TALENT clearance procedures are well known to NSA along with the requirement for filing a list of those cleared with the CIA/TSO. It is necessary, however, for certain NSA personnel involved in engineering or research and development and planning and in some cases analysis to work with Dr. [REDACTED] and others in connection with the development of collection or read-out equipment. As it comes to light that certain functions must be performed by NSA on request of Dr. [REDACTED] in this connection, I will submit to you the list of names and positions and date of TALENT clearance for your record along with the following authentication:

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"Dr. [REDACTED] has authorized that the function to be performed by the following personnel has been requested of NSA by him on behalf of Project AQUATONE."

"Naturally, in each case, I will establish this as a fact."

3. In accordance with the foregoing, I have attached copies of three documents received by me from NSA, references A, B, and C, for your record. As the business of research and development liaison requires that the positions indicated and the personnel involved need to be cut in, NSA will establish a clearance and report that they have been briefed with indication of the date.

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CIA TALENT Control Officer

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- 2-TSO w/atts A, B, and C Series A cy 2
- 3-NSA
- 4-file
- 5-chrono